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TO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: THAI CHARGE'S CALL ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY
HOLBROOKE

1. THAI CHARGE' SUKHO MADE A COURTESY CALL ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE APRIL 8. DURING BRIEF CALL, HOLBROOKE INFORMED SUKHO OF HIS FORTHCOMING TRIP WITH CODEL WOLFF. HOLBROOKE NOTED HE WOULD ACCOMPANY WOLFF TO JAKARTA AND MANILA, AS WELL AS JOIN CODEL WOLFF OVERNIGHT IN SEOUL. HOLBROOKE ADDED HE HIMSELF WOULD STOP BRIEFLY IN SINGAPORE. HE WISHED TO ASSURE THE RTG, THROUGH SUKHO, THAT HE WOULD NOT VISIT BANGKOK AT THIS TIME, BECAUSE WITH BOTH THE EA NARCOTICS CONFERENCE AND CODEL WOLFF IN BANGKOK, IT WOULD NOT BE FEASIBLE TO HAVE A PROPER VISIT. IN FOLLOWING AMBASSADOR WHITEHOUSE'S RECOMMENDATION IN THIS REGARD, HE HAD AGREED TO THE AMBASSADOR'S SUGGESTION THAT HE VISIT BANGKOK LATER, POSSIBLY IN MAY.

2. HOLBROOKE OBSERVED THAT HE HAD VISITED THAILAND MANY TIMES, AND HAD A SPECIAL FONDNESS FOR THAT COUNTRY. HE
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ADDED THAT THE U.S. IS DETERMINED TO CONTINUE THE CLOSE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP WHICH WE HAVE LONG ENJOYED WITH THAILAND. IN THIS CONTEXT, SUKHO COMMENTED HE HAD NOTED

THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY'S COMMENTS, IN RECENT CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY, ABOUT THE U.S. RELATIONSHIP WITH THAILAND. SUKHO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THOSE REMARKS.

3. HOLBROOKE TOOK NOTE OF GENERAL KRIANGSAK'S FORTHCOMING VISIT TO WASHINGTON, STATING WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE VISIT AND PLAN TO HOST A LUNCHEON FOR KRIANGSAK IN THE DEPARTMENT. HE ALSO NOTED THAT WE WOULD ATTEMPT TO ACCELERATE THE INITIAL STEPS OF AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE ARUN'S PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS SO THAT THE AMBASSADOR COULD PARTICIPATE PROPERLY IN GENERAL KRIANGSAK'S ACTIVITIES IN WASHINGTON.
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